

Curriculum Vitae

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Profile

Dr. Smitha S obtained her B.Sc. (Agriculture) from Kerala Agricultural University, M.Sc. in Agricultural Extension from Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat, and Ph.D. in Agricultural Extension from the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal. She was awarded the UGC-JRF and the NDRI Merit Fellowship during her Ph.D. studies. Dr. Smitha began her career as Assistant Manager (Agriculture) at Indian Bank, later served as an Agriculture Officer with the State Department of Agriculture, and joined Kerala Agricultural University in March 2019.

Awards and Honours

- Best Presentation Award during National seminar on Transforming Indian Agriculture through Pluralistic and Innovative Extension Approaches for Self Reliant India at Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU, Varanasi during October 2021
- Best Presentation Award during National workshop on Gender Issues and Atmanirbhar Bharat in Agriculture. at Central Agricultural University on October 2020
- Obtained merit certificate for academic excellence during 2018-19 academic session from **National Dairy Research Institute**
- Qualified **UGC- National Eligibility Test and Junior Research Fellowship** (July 2016)
- Qualified **NET** conducted by **ASRB-ICAR 2015**
- Awarded **Institutional fellowship** for the Ph.D programme in the **National Dairy Research Institute** in **2015**
- Qualified **NET** conducted by **University Grant Commission** on March **2013**
- Awarded **Junior Fellowship** from **ASPEE Agricultural Research and Development Foundation, Mumbai** during the period 2011-2013

Publications in Peer reviewed journals

Smitha, S., Devi, M.C.A., Letha, Devi., and Subash, S.(2019). Analysis of constraints in dairy farming in Kerala- multi stakeholder perspective. *Indian Journal of Dairy Science*, 72 (3), 342-346.

Maya, M. A. K., **Smitha.S.**, & Thomas, A. (2025). Constraints Faced by Pineapple Farmers in Adopting Climate Smart Adaptation Strategies in Kerala. *Indian Journal of Extension Education*, 61(1), 104-107.

Bonny, B. P., Lokesh, S., & **Smitha, S.** (2022). Determinants of women's entrepreneurial performance in Kerala. *Indian Journal of Extension Education*, 58(1), 117-120.

Bonny, B. P., Sudheer, K. P., & **Smitha, S.** (Eds.). (2022). *Engendering Agricultural Development: Dimensions and Strategies*. CRC Press.

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Patel, D., Devi, M. C. A., Lal, S. P., Singh, A. K., Verma, A. P., and **Smitha, S.** (2017). Variables predicting the role performance of field extension functionaries in animal husbandry sector of Karnataka: A multivariate approach. *Indian Journal of Animal Sciences*, 87(4), 506-511.

Projects handled as Principal Investigator

Project title	Funding agency
Capacity building of women SHGs in Farming	Kerala State Planning Board
Facilitation of farmer innovation: Establishment of farmer innovation registry, verification, ratification and certification	Kerala State Planning Board
Farm women empowerment through village vegetable seed production centre's	Kerala State Planning Board
Variability in risk perception among vegetable farmers'-Gender disaggregated analysis	Kerala State Planning Board
Training Programme on "Women empowerment through skill development in medicinal plant cultivation and processing"	State Medicinal Plants Board